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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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For: BIOCATALYST FOR PRODUCTION OF) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
 D-LACTIC ACID)

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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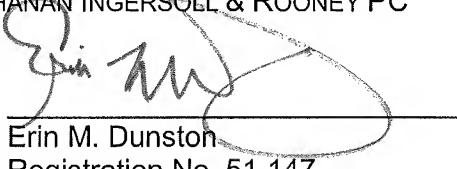
Sir:

As is correctly reflected in the Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary mailed on December 15, 2011 ("Interview Summary"), Applicants' undersigned representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner Leavitt on December 12, 2011. During the personal interview, the Office Action mailed on July 11, 2011, the Request For Continued Examination ("RCE") filed on November 11, 2011, and the pending claims were discussed. Also discussed were possible amendments to Claim 7 and the unexpected results experienced with Applicants' claimed invention.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,
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